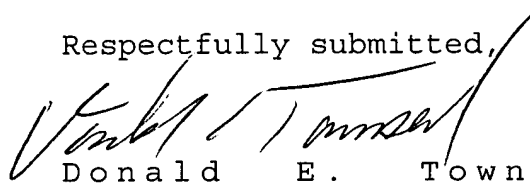


matters of form, and the substance of the claims remain the same.  
The present amendment is deemed not to add new matter.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in  
condition for examination on the merits and early action and  
allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS 3, 4 AND 12

3. (Amended) An adhesive gel composition for an iontophoresis according to Claim 1 [or 2] wherein the acidic polymer is one or more selected from the group consisting of a polyacrylic acid, a methoxyethylene maleic anhydride copolymer, a methoxyethylene maleic acid copolymer, an isobutylene maleic anhydride copolymer, an isobutylene maleic acid copolymer, a carboxyvinyl polymer and carboxymethyl cellulose.

4. (Amended) An adhesive gel composition for an iontophoresis according to [any of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1 wherein the basic drug(s) is(are) in a free form.

12. (Amended) An adhesive gel composition for an iontophoresis according to Claim 10 [or 11] comprising 0.001 to 1.0 % by weight of an antioxidant.